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LB 622, 743
LR 194

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 622 as correctly engrossed. One additional study resolution, LR 194, by Senator Raikes. It will be referred to the Executive Board. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 2084-2085.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill, LB 743, on Select File. Has been discussed on Select File as recently as May 21. There was...E & R amendments were considered and adopted. Senator Smith had offered AM1484. Senator Bourne had offered a priority motion, Mr. President, that priority motion being to bracket the bill until January 15 of 2004. That priority motion is currently pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion on the bracket motion? Senator Smith, would like to give us a briefing on what's going on here?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, Mr. President, members. I appreciate the opportunity to do so. LB 743 has been a bill, the do not call list that you're familiar with. I do want to say that I've conceded more than I originally had hoped. But in the interest of negotiation and compromise and logistical matters, I urge the no vote on the bracket, because we have...I have a later amendment, after some other amendments that are going to be withdrawn, an amendment that will delay the effective date to August 1, 2004. In fact, that will be AM2067. I urge the body's adoption of the Synowiecki amendment to exempt the charities. And we can still come up with something that is workable, and get the ball rolling in terms of looking at intrastate calls. And obviously, the federal government is talking about doing it at the federal level. But they would not affect the intrastate calls, just interstate calls. And it's an issue that I believe we can take the action this year, with the delayed implementation date, or delayed effective date. If the scenario did come about that we would need to take action next year, we could do that. And again, I urge a no vote on the bracket, because it's not necessary. We...with delaying the effective date, we can accomplish what we need to, should we